GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:500
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INCLUSION OF CARPENTER AND LOHAR COMMUNITIES IN SCs LIST
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Members of Parliament hailing from Himachal Pradesh and theLegislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh have made a request to remove existing anomaly relating to the Badai (Carpenter-Tarkhan) and Loharcommunities settled in the new areas of the State to include these communities in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the request?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The proposal to include Tarkhan (not Badai Carpenter and Loharcommunities) in the list of Scheduled Castes of Himachal pradesh as recommended by Government of Himachal Pradesh has been referred to the Registrar General ofIndia. After receipt of comments from the Registrar General of India, further actionwould be taken as per the approved modalities. Since the proposal requires consultation with several agencies and the amendment in the existing list of Scheduled Castes by an Act of Parliament in view of Article 341(2) of the Constitution of India, therefore, no time frame can be assigned for final decision in the matter.